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Dear Jim,

You picked a good time to come. It will be an after-the-birthday celebration for us. Lil's birthday is the day before, the 18th, and mine is ten days before that, the 8th. We'll then have 169 years between us.

I urge you to make your reservation now if you have not because they do fill up around here.

And to think of what you may want to go over while you are awake and I'm asleep from the strange hours I keep. But work for me.

We deposed four FBI Lab agents but I do not recall that they spent much time on what interests you.

What I'm sure you'll want to find is the FBI's pathetic way of saying, as ordinarily courts do not allow, that they think the spectrographic plate of that curbstone was discarded to save space!

The file on that lawsuit is large and you may want to go over it.

In what I call the "subject" file there is one on the curbstone and possibly on you if I made extra copies of any of those records. I think I did on some, like that outrageous Lehrer story on you as a "publicity seeker" who sought anonymity, no publicity at all!

I have a curbstone file in my office but it is not large.

I also have those deposition transcripts.

It may be that we got a few scraps of paper more than I used in Post Mortem about that curbstone and the "test" results. Yes, I recall notes made by Frazier saying that "smear" could have come from an auto wheel weight. Which is not what he told the Commission! Also the police logs that were published. I did not get xerox copies of them but you can copy them from the books.

I presume you kept a copy of your affidavit but if you did not it is in the lawsuit file, CA 75-226.

On theories, keep in mind the possibility that silencers were used and be certain that "Oswald" rifle was not used and could not have been. There is much to support what you told Liebeler on where the shots came from.

Perhaps you'll want to bring a tape recorder. OK if you want to and I think you'll want to have more than you'll make in notes.

No bullet worked out onto any stretcher. That is the kind of thing you may want to tape to get it all and have it straight. No bullet went into Connally's thigh. It was a thin slivver. Dr. Perry gave me a clear account of that.

If I did not tell you, all I have, all my records, work and especially manuscripts nobody knows about will be a permanent public archive at a fine small local college that is always near the top of the US News annual ratings, Hood College. The head of the history department is a close friend. He teaches a course on the politics of assassination, not a whodunit but as a history/government course. It is one semester, last semester. But it is possible that some of those students might like to meet you if you'd like that and would have the time.

With this archive to be here it is also likely that the local paper might want to interview you, again if it interests you and if you have the time.

Another suggestion: you may want to copy the press conference verbatim of the Dallas doctors when they announced that JFK was dead. Three times Perry was asked if the shot in the front of the neck was from the front and all three times he said it was. He was supported in this by Kemp Clark, chief of neurosurgery.

You may want to read in Post Mortem what I reported that both Perry and Carrico told me and if that is not enough see if I remember any more.

We look forward to your coming!

Gerald

If you do not know it, under the 1992 Act you are entitled to the first 100 copies you get at the Archives free. After that they are 25¢ a page. Whether you will want the first report that LBJ ordered of the FBI I do not know. You are not in it, nor is any missed shot. It is really little more than a political diatribe against Oswald. It is a little less than 100 pages if you'd like to have it. If so write JFK Access, the National Archives at College Park, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Md. 20740-6001. It is Commission Document # 1 would be free

You may also want to copy the engineer's report on his examination of the curbstone I refer to in Case Open.

There will be much you can do. Hope you give yourself the time.